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SUBJECT: MULDOON SPEAKS ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS/SECURITY ISSUES

1. SUMMARY - IN HARD-HITTING APRIL 7 SPEECH TO N.Z. BUREAU OF IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS, PRIME MINISTER MULDOON NOTED NEW ZEALAND'S DEPENDENCE ON TRADE, TOOK SOVIET UNION TO TASK FOR "IMPERIALISM AND AGRESSION" AND SAID U.S. WAS "ULTIMATELY THE GUARDIAN OF THE FREE WORLD". END SUMMARY.

2. IN A SPEECH THAT HAS BEEN WIDELY REPORTED BY MEDIA, MULDOON NOTED THAT NEW ZEALAND'S TRADE IS PREDOMINATLY CARRIED BY SEA AND SAID, "WE ARE TOTALLY VULNERABLE IF WE DO NOT RETAIN THE FREEDOM OF THE SEA LANES." HE STATED THAT HALD OF NEW ZEALAND'S ENERGY REQUIREMENTS ARE MET BY UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPORTED OIL, MOST OFWHICH COMES THROUGH INDIAN OCEAN.

"...OUR DEFENSE POLICY NECESSARILY INVOLVE AS A FIRST
CONSIDERATION THE PRESERVATION OF OUR LIFELINES BY SEA."

3. MULDOON PRAISED VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER, "ONE OF THE
MOST REMARKABLE AMERICANS OF OUR TIME", FOR BEING "ABLE TO
BRING A FRESH VIEWPOINT...ON NEW ZEALAND'S RELATIONSHIP WITH
THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE ANZUS PACT AND OUR MUTUAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE QUESTION OF THE SECURITY OF THE WESTERN
WORLD." REFERRING TO ANTI-NPW GROUPS, MULDOON SAID, "TALK
OF AMERICAN BASES IN NEW ZEALAND IS NONSENSE. OUR GEOGRAPHICAL
ISOLATION MAKES THAT QUESTION IRRELEVANT. THE POTENTIAL
THREAT TO NEW ZEALAND COMES IN THE AREA OF OUR EXTERNAL TRADE
AND SO WE LOOK TO THE MEANS BY WHICH IT IS CARRIED."

4. LAUNCHING INTO SOVIETS, MULDOON SAID, "WE LOOK AROUND THE
WORLD AND WE ASK OURSELVES, 'WHERE IS THE THREAT?' AND THE
ANSWER IS OBVIOUS. I AM PREPARED TO BELIEVE THAT THE RAPID
AND VAST EXPANSION OF THE NAVAL POWER OF THE SOVIET UNION IS
THEIR ANSWER TO WHAT THEY PERCEIVE AS A THREAT FROM OTHER
COUNTRIES. I AM BOUND TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT ALL THE ACTIONS
OF THE SOVIET UNION IN RECENT TIMES POINT NO TO DEFENSE BUT
TO IMPERIALISM AND AGGRESSION. THERE IS ONLY ONE POWER ON EARTH
THAT CAN RESIST THAT AGGRESSION AND THAT IS THE POWER OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND WE MUST BE THANKFUL THAT
IN SPITE OF THE CATASTROPHE OF VIETNAM, A CATASTROPHE CAUSED
BY THE UNWILLINGNESS OF THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION TO
USE THEIR ULTIMATE EAPONS, AND THE RESULTS OF HUMAN
FAILINGS, WHICH WAS WATERGATE, THERE NEVERTHELESS REMAINS
IN THE UNITED STATES A WILLINGNESS TO BE THE LEADER, AND
INDEED ULTIMATELY THE GUARDIAN, OF THE FREE WORLD."

5. SPEAKING DIRECTLY ON SUBJECT OF NPWS, MULDOON SAID,
"WE WILL HAVE VISITS FROM AMERICAN WARSHIPS, I PROMISE YOU
THAT. THEY WILL NOT HAVE A STRATEGIC CONTEXT. THERE HAS
NEVER BEEN THE SLIGHTEST SUGGESTION THAT THEY NEED TO BE
BASED IN NEW ZEALAND...THEY WILL BE HERE SIMPLY TO FURTHER
CEMENT THE GOODWILL BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES...IT HAS BEEN SAID
BY PEOPLE WHO HAVE A POLITICAL OR IDEALOGICAL AXE TO GRIND
THAT SUCH VISITS COULD LEAD TO NUCLEAR RETALIATION. THAT
IS JUST SO MUCH NONSENSE...WE MUST NOT PERMIT...MISCHIEVOUS
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PEOPLE TO SOW THOSE SEEDS OF FEAR IN THE MINDS OF NEW
ZEALANDERS WITHOUT PUTTING THE OPPOSITE AND THE LOGICAL
AND REALISTIC POINT OF VIEW."

6. MULDOON CLOSED SPEECH WITH ATTACK ON THOSE WHO OPPOSE
TIES WITH U.S. "WE CAN OPT FOR MUTUAL DEFENSE WITH ALLIES
WHO HAVE THE SAME ATTITUDE TOWARDS FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY,
OR WE CAN LEAVE OURSELVES DEFENSELESS. ALL OF HISTORY TELLS

US THAT THE SECOND COURSE WOULD BE FATAL, AND IT IS FOR
THAT REASON THAT MY GOVERNMENT WILL STAND FIRMLY AGAINST THE
PROTESTS, SUCH AS THEY ARE, OF CONCERNED NEW ZEALANDERS WHO
ARE GENUINELY APPREHENSIVE, BUT MORE IMPORATANTLY,
OF NEW ZEALANDERS WHO OWE LESS ALLEGIANCE TO THEIR
COUNTRY AND THEIR PEOPLE THAN THEY DO TO AN AGGREWSIVE
FOREIGN POWER. I INVITE YOU, AS INDIVIDUAL NEW ZEALANDERS
BUT ON BEHALF OF ALL THE THINGS IN THIS COUNTRY THAT YOU
HOLD DEAR, TO SUPPORT ME AND MY GOVERNMENT, WHETHER IN THE
INDUSTRIAL FIELD AGAINST THE SABOTAGE OF THESE SO-CALLED
SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY MILITANTS, IN THE NEWS MEDIA AGINAST
THEIR SUBTLE PROPAGANDA, AND IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, NOT
FORGETTING YOUR CHURCHES, SO THAT WITH A SENSE OF HISTORY
YOU AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS IN THIS COMMUNITY CAN HELP MAKE
THE PEOPLE REALIZE THAT THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A RISKLESS
SOCIETY BUT THAT DEMOCRACY AND OUR WAY OF LIFE IS THE ONLY
WAY FOR NEW ZEALANDERS IN THE FUTURE."
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